

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the claim amendments and following remarks, are respectfully requested.

An Examiner's Interview was conducted on February 14, 2006. During the interview, proposed claim amendments to further clarify the claimed invention were discussed. It was indicated that the proposed claimed amendments were not taught by the cited references, but that further review of the cited references are needed upon receiving the Amendment.

Claims 1-2, 17-18, 33-34, and 49-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,602, "Kay"). Claims 1, 9-10, 13-17, 25-26, 29-33, 41-42, 45-49, 57-58, and 61-65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rosenfeld et al. (U.S. Patent App. 2004/0043760 A1, "Rosenfeld"). Claims 3-4, 19-20, 35-36, 51-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Abo et al. (U.S. Patent 5,948,041, "Abo"). Claims 5-8, 21-24, 37-40, and 53-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Campbell (U.S. Patent App. 2004/0133799 A1). Claims 11-12, 27-28, 43-44, and 59-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenfeld in view of Campbell. Claims 66-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Olivier (U.S. Patent 6,480,885). Claims 68-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Desai (U.S. Patent Application 2005/0192008).

Independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49 are being amended. Dependent claims 9-12, 25-28, 41-44, 57-60, and 68-75 are also being amended to conform to respective amended independent claims. No new matter is being introduced.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-2, 17-18, 33-34, and 49-50 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite “receiving . . . first and at least one second geographic locations being different” and “receiving . . . the second set of information including information related to both the first and the at least one second geographic locations.” This clarification shows that Applicants’ claimed invention is capable of receiving information for multiple geographic locations.

Kay teaches a query system that is capable of responding to a query based on a user profile (Col. 5, lines 9-11 and 24-44). A user profile may include a currently location and default location. However, Kay uses only one of the locations from the user profile to perform a query. Kay does not describe “receiving . . . information related to both the first and the at least one second graphic locations.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn. Independent claims 17, 33, and 49 have been similarly amended as claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 2, 18, 34, and 50, which depend from independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49, respectively, should be allowable for at least the same reasons as those set forth for the respective independent claims.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1, 9-10, 13-17, 25-26, 29-33, 41-42, 45-49, 57-58, and 61-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rosenfeld, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49.

Rosenfeld is directed to a location-based weather system that enables a user to create a user profile (FIG. 5A). The user may set alerts to provide notification for a variety of weather and environmental events (FIG. 3). Alerts may also be set up based on third-party location (FIG. 5B) and favorite locations (FIG. 5C). Rosenfeld may respond to a query or request or be set up to auto-initiate (paragraph 33). However, as was the case with Kay, Rosenfeld only communicates information to the user for one location and not “information related to both the first and the at least one second geographic locations,” as recited in Applicants’ amended independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) of independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49 be withdrawn.

Claims 9-10, 13-16, 25-26, 29-33, 41-42, 45-48, 57-58, and 61-65, which depend from independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49, should be allowable for at least the same reasons as described above with respect to the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of claims 3-4, 19-20, 35-36, 51-52 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Abo, Abo is directed to an information service device having simple data retrieval capabilities. Abo describes a control unit that receives present position and determines location data that is nearest to the present position from among location data stored in a database (Abstract). The present position

may be determined using a variety of techniques, including a global positioning system (GPS) (Col. 3, lines 40-45). The information may thereafter be displayed for a user. Abo, however, is deficient in a similar manner as Kay and Rosenfeld with respect to now the respective amended independent claims from which claims 3-4, 19-20, 35-36, 51-52 depend. Because neither Kay nor Abo teach or suggest the limitations recited Applicants' amended claims, the combination of Kay and Abo does not teach or suggest Applicants' now claimed invention. Accordingly, dependent claims 3-4, 19-20, 35-36, 51-52 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 49, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3-4, 19-20, 35-36, 51-52 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of claims 5-8, 21-24, 37-40, and 53-56 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Campbell, Campbell describes a system for providing zip code linked websites. The system establishes a network node containing public and private information related to geographic zones or zip codes (Abstract). The system responds to requests from a user by providing information or access to information corresponding to the geographic area of the user (Abstract). The system, however, is limited to a current geographic area of the user and does not teach or suggest receiving information from multiple geographic areas as recited in the limitations of the amended independent claims from which dependent claims 5-8, 21-24, 37-40, and 53-56 depend. Further, the combination of Kay and Campbell does not teach or suggest "information related to both the first and the at least one second geographic locations."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of claims 11-12, 27-28, 43-44, and 59-60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Campbell, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Kay and Campbell fails to teach or suggest the claim limitations for at least the same reasons as previously stated with respect to the respective independent claims.

With regard to the rejection of claims 66-67 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Olivier, Olivier describes dynamically matching users for group communications based on a threshold degree of matching of sender and recipient predetermined acceptance criteria (Title). The system enables users to establish subscriptions to an electronic mailing list by specifying user profile data and acceptance criteria data to screen for other users (Abstract). The user profile data is described to include a location and geographic location of interest. However, as do each of the other references, Olivier fails to teach or suggest the claim limitations recited in the amended independent claim 49 from which claims 66-67 depend. Because both Kay and Olivier fail to teach or suggest the recited claim limitations, the combination of Kay and Olivier fails to teach or suggest the claim limitations. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claims 66-67 be withdrawn.

With regards to the rejection of dependent claims 68-75 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kay in view of Desai, Desai is directed to a selective information exchange, and does not teach or suggest the claim limitations as recited in the amended

independent claims. As do the other references, these references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the limitations of the independent claims from which these claims depend. Therefore, claims 68-75 should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 68-75 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such an action is hereby requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please telephone the undersigned at the number below.

CONCLUSION

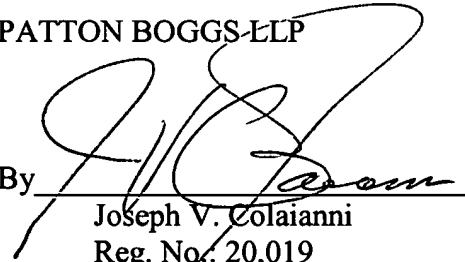
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of an Advisory Action as this Amendment is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action being mailed. Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants' representatives invite the Examiner to contact them to help expedite this matter.

Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is here by authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2816 of Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

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